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Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin  
House of Representatives  
227 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Cardin:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Television Station WHSW-TV, Baltimore, Maryland, concerning provisions in the 1992 Cable Act that require the Commission to examine whether home shopping stations such as this one operate in the public interest and whether they should be entitled to must-carry status on cable television.

For your constituent's information, I have enclosed the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (MM Docket No. 93-8) in this matter. It includes a discussion of the criteria to be used in making these determinations and the potential impact on home shopping stations once regulations have been adopted.

Your comments will be placed in the record of this proceeding so that the Commission can be mindful of your concerns during its deliberations. I trust that the foregoing and the enclosure are informative.

Sincerely,

*Roy J. Stewart*

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Chief, Mass Media Bureau

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Honorable Christopher Shays  
House of Representatives  
1034 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, Dc 20515

*WTHH-TV*

Dear Congressman Shays:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of several constituents who have expressed their concerns about televised anti-abortion campaign commercials they describe as offensive.

The issues you raise are currently being considered by the Commission. Your comments have been placed in the record of this proceeding. I trust that the enclosures are informative.

Sincerely,

*Roy J. Stewart*

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Enclosures



# CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

March 2, 1993

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The Honorable James H. Quello  
Acting Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Room 314  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Quello:

I am writing to express the concern of several constituent of mine regarding the federal regulations which require broadcast television stations to broadcast, in their entirety, all political advertisement.

*Letter  
not  
enclosed* →

Enclosed is a letter I received from Lew Freifeld, president and general manager of WTNH New Haven. As you will note, his specific concern is the result of WTNH's obligation to air advertisements displaying graphic photographs of aborted fetuses, which would not have been suitable for broadcast on any other program.

I share my constituents' concerns about this issue. While television stations should not have control over the content of political advertisements with regard to policy, I feel stations should have some control over obscene or indecent depictions or representations of any issue.

I have written to the House Subcommittees on Elections and Telecommunications and Finance with regard to possible congressional action on this issue.

I would appreciate your views on this issue. I would also appreciate knowing whether you know of any proposals to address this specific concern.

Please direct your correspondence to John Porio in my Washington office. Thank you for your time and attention to this this matter.

Sincerely,

*Christopher Shays*  
Christopher Shays  
Member of Congress

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